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Sir:

I've been receiving much literature from your office concerning the Yucca Mtn. Site, and quite frankly, the amount and kind has bowled me over. Since I am not a geological scientist, I did not, could not, study all the information sent to me, intelligently.

My major concern, of course, is the type of containers being designed and under manufacture. How long they will hold the material without rupturing? Are there some components of the underlying soil that will erode the stainless steel and/or glass? While I don't worry about my generation's personal safety, I am concerned about future generations.

What geological predictions can be made for the site that will assure us that either through earthquake or rupture of the earth's crust at that point the containers will not rupture?

I guess I would have to conclude that the Yucca site has been thoroughly researched and is as good a place as any given that this potentially deadly material has to go somewhere.

I only hope that less and less nuclear material will be used in the future so that this site will not be filled and the Dept. will not be looking for another site down the road.



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